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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of May 5, 2003, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 17-22 are pending. In the present Office Action, claims 1 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over James L. Turley's Advanced 80386 Programming Techniques ("Turley"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and request reconsideration. Claims 2-10 and 18-22 are objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in